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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Housing Ministers of an the States held recently in the capital;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and suggestions given by the participants; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Yes, Sir, State Housing Ministers Conference was held on November 29-30, 2004 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

(b): The major issues discussed during the Conference were Housing & Habitat Policy 1998, Social Housing, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), 2 Million Housing Programme, Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF), National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), Low Cost housing and Public Private participation. The major suggestions made by the participants are revision of Housing & habitat Policy with particular reference to EWS and LIG category, need to have a mission approach to take up Urban Renewal, revision in the guidelines of VAMBAY and NSDP, promotion of rental housing, rationalization of property tax, grant of fiscal incentives, building Centres in each State, finalization of additional reform areas under URIF and promotion of community groups, NGOs and CGOs as part of public-private partnership under housing schemes.

(c) The suggestions emerged during the Conference have been well taken as for implementation of the schemes.